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Medical Services for Cyprus FBIS Station

1. The Cyprus FBIS station is remote from adequate medical facilities. The staff will be composed largely of personnel brought to Cyprus from other areas who will be unfamiliar with local health conditions and precautions. There are only three doctors in Kyrenia; one is an elderly Englishman in semi-retirement, and the others are Greeks about whom little is known. None of these is considered suitable for appointment as Medical Officer for the station.

2. The following medical services are considered necessary:

- a. Physical examination of all new employees.
- b. Inoculation of all employees against local diseases.
- c. Supervision and inspection of hygiene and sanitation at the station, including periodic testing of water supply.
- d. Medical instruction of personnel on preventative measures against local diseases.
- e. Medical consultations for sick or injured personnel of the station, to include determination of line of duty status under the Cyprus Workmen's Compensation Laws, and certification of necessity for sick leave in applicable cases. It is advisable that the organization be protected against collusion by unknown doctors and employees in determining necessity for sick leave.

3. The American Consul has appointed [redacted] of Nicosia as Medical Officer for the Consulate, to examine all applicants for visas to the United States. This doctor has an excellent reputation, is young and capable, and has had several years experience as a British Army Medical Officer. He is willing and able to assume the duties of Medical Officer for FBIS as outlined in paragraph 2 above, on a basis of ten shillings for each physical examination or consultation, plus an additional ten shillings to cover transportation expenses for each round trip from his office in Nicosia to the station or to Kyrenia. Consultations in connection with sickness or injury not incurred in line of duty should be paid for by the individuals concerned.

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4. I recommend that authority be granted to appoint [redacted] as official Medical Officer for the Cyprus FBIS station.

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